

**REMARKS**

After entry of the above amendments, the claims pending in the subject application are 17-54. Reconsideration of this application based on the Amendments and Remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.

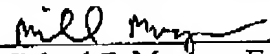
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**35 U.S.C. §112 REJECTIONS**

Claims 17-54 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. It was alleged that the basis for measuring the mole % given in claims 17, 30, and 42 was not clear. Claims 17, 30, and 42 have been amended to more clearly recite the basis for the mole %.

In view of the amendments and remarks contained above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the 35 USC §112 rejections, and request that a Formal Notice of Allowance be issued for claims. Should the Examiner have any questions about the above remarks, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

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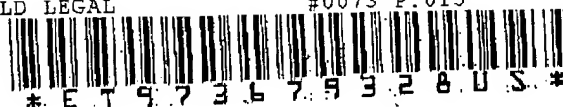
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